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Washington State Department of Transportation
Attn: Roger Kiers, Cultural Resources Specialist
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Subject: SR-162, Puyallup River (McMillin) Bridge Replacement Project
Request for Consulting Party Status

Dear Mr. Kiers:

The Pierce County Landmarks & Historic Preservation Commission appreciated the presentation by Craig Holstine on the historic McMillin Bridge, and would like to be added to the list of consulting parties for the project.

The existing highway bridge appears to be a significant landmark, and the Commission is pleased that WSDOT made an effort to list the bridge on the National Historic Register decades ago. The Commission sincerely hopes that WSDOT is able to preserve it as a piece of highway history.

The Commission had archaeological/cultural concerns as well as ideas that would support keeping the bridge in place. They are as follows:

Allow the bridge to function as an alternative river crossing in the case of a volcanic event.

Provide additional information to determine whether the assessment has adequately assessed the likelihood or potential for archaeological resources within the Area of Potential Effect (APE) that may meet criteria for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. With the existing information, the Commission is unable to comment on the archaeological assessment.

As a consulting party, we look forward to having more in depth discussion regarding these concerns and thank you for the opportunity to participate in the process.

Respectfully,

Robert Peters, Chair
Pierce County Landmarks and Historic Preservation Commission.

- c. Alison Brooks, Washington State Historical Preservation Officer
Shawn Bunney, Pierce County Council, District 1
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